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In re Application of :  
Robert A. Henderson et al :  
Serial No.: 09/902,941 : PETITION DECISION  
Filed: July 10, 2001 :  
Attorney Docket No.: 210121.478C17 :

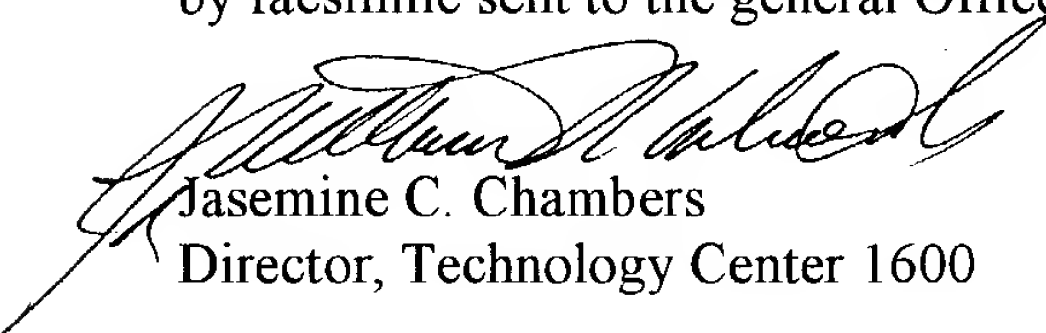
This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed January 9, 2004, for withdrawal of abandonment of the above identified application based on filing of a timely reply. The delay in acting on this petition is regretted.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office action to applicants on May 23, 2003, setting a three month shortened statutory period for reply. Upon failure to receive a reply, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed to applicants on December 3, 2003. Applicants state that they replied on August 21, 2003, and provide a copy of an Office date stamped return postcard dated August 21, 2003, as evidence of receipt by the Office. The reply has not been located and the copy of the reply provided with the petition has been utilized. In view of the timely reply the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error and is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

**Applicants remain under obligation to respond to the recently mailed Office action within the time period as set therein or as may be extended under 37 CFR 1.136(b).**

Should there be any questions about this decision please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 571-272-0519 or by facsimile sent to the general Office facsimile number, 703-872-9306.

  
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